

PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE <u>12 Jun 58</u>	2. LOCATION <u>10 Mi W of Huntsville, Texas</u>	12. CONCLUSIONS	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT <u>12/1026Z</u>	4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Radar <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sextant <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Intercept Radar <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Air-Visual	<input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Was Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Other <u>Sputnik III Rocket</u> <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown	
5. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	6. SOURCE <u>Military</u>		
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION <u>2 min</u>	8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS <u>one</u>	9. COURSE <u>S to NE</u>	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING Oval shaped obj, size of head of pin, reddish in color, bright as second magnitude star.		11. COMMENTS Since obj too fast to be a/c & slower than shooting star, believed to be Sputnik III rocket, since rocket crossed this area at stated time.	

ATIC FORM 129 (REV 26 SEP 52)

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Incident #1: 1958 Delta I (Rocket)

Time: 1022.7 Z

Position: $30^{\circ}N$, 98.4° W. long.

Altitude: 208 Km. (130 miles)

sighting

1026 Z

$30.46^{\circ}N$, $95.45^{\circ}W$.

A discrepancy of approx 3 minutes exists in time between sighting and predicted position. This does not rule out the sighting as being 1958 ~~Delta~~ Delta I since predictions are not too accurate in the perigee portion of the satellite orbit. A difference of 2 to 3 minutes* is acceptable in this case. Thus, from the position of the object sighted and the time of sighting, it is concluded that object was the rocket portion of 1958 Delta (Sputnik II).

The satellite portion of Sputnik II would have been visible in the area near Tucson, Ariz. approximately 30 minutes later (1055 Z) at an altitude of 123 miles — too far below the horizon from the Huntsville area to be seen.

Both portions of the satellite were travelling in a south to north direction (25° magnetic) at the times reported.

* Concur: The average observer UNCLASSIFIED

can seldom estimate "time" or sighting "duration" within 2-3 minutes, particularly when startled, or frightened, by something

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TO : COM ATIC WPAFB OHIO

INFO: COM 34 ADIV KIRTLAND AFB NMEX

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COM 15 AF MARCH AFB CALIF
COM ADC ENT AFB COLO

NR : 6DOI 8-1483

Ref SRIA-2489.

Nov 57 Subject: UFO sightings, ref 15 AF message DI 6041, dated 29
and AFR 200-2, dated 5 Feb 58.

UFO sightings reported by crew member on B-52 flight.

a. Description of Object

1. Oval shaped.
2. Head of pin size.
3. Reddish.
4. One.
5. N/A.
6. None.
7. None.
8. None.
9. Bright as 2 magnitude star.

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Auth *Douglas J. D.*
By *Gunnar*
Date *10 May 1968*

AFR 205-Par 2-17c
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b. Description of Course of Object

1. Passed through field of view while taking a sextant shot on Kochah.
2. 26 degrees 48 minutes elevation and 343 degrees (NNW) true azimuth.
3. Observer did not follow UFOS path with sextant.
4. Sout to North through field of view.
5. To the North.
6. 2 seconds in sextants field of view.

c. Manner of Observation

1. Aivtash visual.
2. Sextant D-1.
3. B-52, No. 57-097, ⁹⁷⁷ OUU V, 000 ft, 092 degrees heading, 488 kts. Ground speed, and 24 Bomb Sq, 6 Bomb Wing, Walker AFB NMex.

d. Time and Date of Sighting

1. 12/1006Z June 58.
2. Dawn.

e. Location of Observer

1. 30 46 North, 91 45 West.
2. 10 miles West of Huntsville, Texas

f. Identifying Info on Observer

1. N/A.
2. Military - Eugene H Richards, Capt, observer, Capt Aircraft Commander, 24th Bomb Sq, 6 Bomb Wing Walker (14 Jun 58) Page 2 of 3 Pages

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AFB, NMex. Telephone Main 3-1237, Roswell, NMex. ECM operator reliable.

g. Weather and Winds Aloft

1. Clear 305/50.

2. WX report San Antonio, Texas AWS at 12/050Z June 58. Winds aloft SSE 6-10 kts. 6,000 ft. -170/20 kts, 10,000 ft. -130/24 kts, 16,000 ft. -150/17 kts, 20,000 ft. -calm kts, 30,000 ft. -270 DNJ (PORTION MISSING) a shooting star, no trail and too fast to be an A/C. KSWS-TV Station, Roswell, NMex newcast 12/0400Z June 58 announce Sputnick III could be observed from Roswell at 12/1030Z June 58 traveling from South to North.

1. Not

NOTE : Underlined portions typed as received. Message being serviced. Correction will be forwarded upon receipt. 2489 and 6041 are not identified in SMD.

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FROM 6DOI 8-1483 FOR ABST. C/S,
USAF ATTN/ OFFICER OF INFO SEVICES AND AFCIN-1A1, REF FRIA-
2489. SUBJECT: UFO SIGHTINGS, REF 15 AF MESSAGE D16041, DATED
29NOV 47 AND AFR 200-2, DATED 5 FEB 58.
UFO SIGHTINGS REPORTED BY YY CREW MEMBER ON B-52. FLIGHT.

A. DESCRIPTION OF OBJECT

- (1) OVAL SHAPED
- (2) HEAD OF PIN SIZE
- (3) REDISH
- (4) ONE



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- (5) N/A
- (6) NONE
- (7) NONE
- (8) NONE
- (9) BRIGHT AS 2 ND MAGNITUDE STAR

B. DESCRIPTION OF COURSE OF OBJECT

- (1) PASSED THRUH FIELD OF VIEW WHILE TAKING A SEXTANT SHOT ON KOCHAB
- (2) 26 DEGREES 48 MINUTES ELEVATION AND 343 DEGREES (TRUE AZIMUTH)
Track Up
- (3) OBSERVER DIDNT FOLLOW UFO'S PTH WITH SEXTANT
- (4) SOUTH TO NORTH THROUGH FIELD OF VIEW
- (5) TO THE NORTH
- (6) TWO SECONDS IN SEXTANT'S FIELD OF VIEW

(1) AIR-VISUAL . . .
(2) SIGHTING D-1
(3) B-52; NO. 57-097, 41,000 FT., 092 DEGREES HADING, 438
KTS. GROUND SPEED, AND 34 TH BOMB SQUADRON, 6TH BOMB
WING, WALKER AFB, NMEX

Capt. Miech: Basic Data to
Assist you

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D. TIME AND DATE OF SIGHTING
(1) 12/1026Z JUNE 58

Date:

12 June 1958

E. LOCATION OF OBSERVER
(1) ~~HUNTSVILLE~~

Location: 10 Miles W. of Huntsville Texas

(2) 10 MI. WEST OF ~~HUNTSVILLE~~, TEXAS.

Time: - 1026Z - 6 = 0926 (A.M.)

F. IDENTIFYING INFO ON OBSERVER

Line of Bearing (degrees) = NW by N (343)

(1) N/A

(2) MILITARY-EUGENE H. RICHARS, CAPTAIN, OBSERVER,
CAPTAIN PHILLIP S. CLARK, AIRCRAFT COMMANDER, 24 TH
BOMB SQUADRON. 6TH BOMB WING, WALKER AFB, NMEX. TELE-
PHONE ~~ROSWELL~~, NMEX. ECM OPERATOR RELIABLE.

G. WEATHER AND WINDS ALOFT

(1) CLEAR 305/50

(2) WX REPORT SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS AVG AT 12/0500Z JUNE 58.
WINDS ALOFT SEE 6-10KTS. 6000 FT. - 170/20 KTS, 10,000 FT.
- 130/24KTS, 16,000FT. - 150/17KTS, 20,000FT. - CALM KTS,
30,000FT. - 270/14KTS, 50,000FT. - 220/12KTS, 80,00 FT.
- 080/29KTS.

(3) UNLIMITED AT ALTITUDE

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(5) CLOUD COVER BELOW A/C

(6) NO THUNDERSTORMS IN AREA

H. NONE

I. NONE

J. TOO HIGH TO BE ANOTHER A/C

K. 6TH BOMB WING INTELLIGENCE, WALKER AFB, NMEX. SUSPECTED
SATELLITE SINCE SLOWER THAN A SHOOTING STAR, ~~NO TRAIL~~ AND
TOO FAST TO BE AN A/C. NEWS-TV STATION, ROSWELL, NMEX NEWS
CAST 12/0400Z JUNE 58 ANNOUNCED SPUTNIK III COULD BE OBSERVED
FROM ROSEWELL AT 12 "1030Z JUNE 58 ~~MOVING~~ FROM SOUTH TO NORTH.

L. NONE

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(In Vicinity of Huntsville)

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